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SUBJECT: NEPALI CANDIDATE FOR HIGH REPRESENTATIVE OF
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

1. This is an action request. Please see Para 4.

2. The Embassy has received a diplomatic note, dated February 13, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting USG support for the Government of Nepal's candidate for the position of UN Secretary General High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Land-locked Developing Nations and Small Island Developing States. A copy of the diplomatic note, along with the curriculum vitae of Kul Chandra Gautam, Nepal's proposed candidate, have been faxed to SA/INS. The text of the diplomatic note follows below.

3. Begin text of diplomatic note:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, His Majesty's Government of Nepal, presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Kathmandu and has the honour to inform that His Majesty's Government of Nepal is interested to promote its candidate Mr. Kul Chandra Gautam, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF, for the recent established post of UN Secretary General High Representative in the direction of Least Developed Countries, Land-Locked Developing Nations and Small Island Developing States.

While appreciating the valuable support extended by the government of USA for promoting and safeguarding the interest of the LDCs in many international forums, the Ministry has the further honour to enclose herewith the bio-data of Mr. K.C. Gautam to be transmitted to its highest destination for having the valuable support of the esteemed government of USA.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

February 13, 2002

End text of diplomatic note.

4. Embassy requests Department's guidance in responding to the MFA's note.

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